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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/019,802

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Brian J. Davis

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-14, 16-18 and 20-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-14 and 16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17, 18 and 20-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 33-45 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. <u>attached</u> . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Withdrawn from Issue

Applicant is advised that the Notice of Allowance mailed 3/25/04 is vacated and the application withdrawn from issue. If the issue fee has already been paid, applicant may request a refund or request that the fee be credited to a deposit account. However, applicant may wait until the application is either found allowable or held abandoned. If allowed, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance, applicant may request that the previously submitted issue fee be applied. If abandoned, applicant may request refund or credit to a specified Deposit Account.

While the examiner regrets the inconvenience to applicant, there is nothing unusual about an Examiner, or the Office, changing his viewpoint as the prosecution of a case progresses, and so long as the rules of the Patent Office are duly complied with, an applicant has no legal complain because of such a change of view. *In re Ellis*, 31 USPQ 380; *In re Becker*, 40 USPQ 624.

Prosecution on the merits of this application is reopened on claims 17, 18 and 20-32 considered unpatentable for the reasons indicated below:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 17, 18 and 20-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by WO 94/26704, prior art of record. The reference teaches applicant's method of using the instant compounds for the treatment of obesity (page 10 line 23). The law seems clear on this point: Claims are unpatentable where the prior art teaches per se of applying the chemical is the same, notwithstanding applicant's different purpose for application of the compound. *In re Kirby*, 40 USPQ 368. This is so because: A compound and its properties are inseparable. *In re Papesch*, 315, F.2d 137 USPQ 43 (CCPA 1963).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-14 and 16 are allowed.

Claims 33-45 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: WO 95/26327 and WO 98/29411, cited as "A" references in the responding international application, have been considered by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-3838. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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 **BRIAN DAVIS**
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Brian J. Davis
June 8, 2004